



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 15

The anti-Martin forces in Virginia seem to be in a perplexity. They have not as yet been able to agree upon candidates to oppose either Senators Martin or Swanson in the senatorial primaries to be held next September. Friends of Senator Martin do not believe that the fight against him will materialize. Nor do they look for any formidable opposition to the election of Senator Swanson. Recently the Martin forces in Virginia have been strengthened, and his friends assert that, whether there is a candidate against him or not, his re-election is assured. The friends of the two Virginia senators say the opposition is crumbling and that there is doubt whether there will be a contest because of the inability of the opposition to centre upon a candidate. Mr. Martin is one of the most popular senators in the chamber and has done an enormous amount of work for Virginia, which is now being recalled by his friends in view of the attacks upon him. Mr. Swanson is, of course, now in the Senate, but as governor of Virginia and as a congressman his record was both clean and good, and his friends say that as a campaigner he has few equals in the state. Most of the representatives of Virginia in the House are friendly to Senator Martin. Senator Martin's friends seem serene and insist that they do not believe there will be a real candidate against him. If there is such a candidate they claim that Senator Martin will get more plurality than the other side gets votes. His friends say that the recent flashes of opposition against him in Virginia, have subsided, and the fact that some of the assertions have been so easily proved untrue they have reacted and have really strengthened his position throughout the state. Senator Martin's friends say that the opposition is largely confined to "kickers" who can be found in all camps.

SINCE the war, and no doubt prior to that era, Alexandria has struggled with a public debt, and now that we have reached a stage in our municipal affairs that the financial horizon is cleared of the clouds of such an oppressive burden it would be well for the City Council to heed the admonition that the debt of a city does not emphasize its prosperity. Pay as you go, and keep within your ability to pay, is a much better fiscal policy for a city than to borrow and then assign the task of paying to others. Municipal records are not silent as to the fact that law creating bodies are prone to create obligations for purposes that might be realized in less expensive and equally as effective ways. Commercial bodies at times also become active auxiliaries and advocates of such legislation. Paradoxical as it may seem an examination would disclose the fact that in the case of the average legislator few give practical evidence of their knowledge of the way to sell a bond and in the case of the business body, if it has shown a civil pride or patriotic purpose in bringing about a successful monetary venture, it has been too modest to disclose it.

DOMESTIC infelicity brings many strange statements into court. Admitting that he had beaten his wife 130 times since they were married six months ago, John Yoreck, of Baltimore, gave as his excuse that his wife had beaten him 182 times in that period. "Since we were married only half a year ago," said Mrs. Yoreck on cross-examination yesterday, he had beaten her regularly every Tuesday and Thursday and three times on Sunday. "And she has beaten me regularly every day in the week, and Sunday included," retorted Yoreck. Mrs. Yoreck escaped a beating Tuesday the day it was due, for she had her husband arrested on a warrant in the afternoon and he was held over night at the station. The husband was sent to jail for court.

The Munyon Homeopathic Remedy Company was on Wednesday fined \$600 by Judge McPherson in Philadelphia after it had pleaded guilty of three charges of misbranding and misstating the curative qualities of its blood remedies. The preparations misbranded were Munyon's Asthma Cure, Munyon's Special Liquid Blood Cure and Munyon's Blood Cure. Dr. Reddemann, one of the government's chemists, testified that he had analyzed the three preparations and found that the substances in the Asthma Cure were nothing but cane sugar and a faint semblance of alcohol. Thus it will be seen that Dr. Munyon has been humbugging the people with his remedies for years past.

The Sulloway pension bill which would increase the pension appropriation upwards of \$600,000,000 annually was yesterday agreed upon by the House committee on invalid pensions, as was stated in the Gazette's Washington correspondence of that day. Of course this will be used against any bill looking to the reduction of the tariff. The civil war ended forty-five years ago, but the pension roll increases regardless of time. Most of the money goes to the north, but the south pays a large part of it. Woe to the vanquished!

## FROM WASHINGTON

Henry L. Stimson, who was defeated in the New York gubernatorial, was a visitor at the White House today. Owing to the cabinet meeting, however, he did not get to see the president. Stimson denied that he wanted a job.

Fear that remarks of the foreign ambassador and ministers who are to address the American Association for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes tonight, may swell the volume of the jarring note which was sounded by two of the speakers last night, today caused not a few of those interested in the world's peace movement to grow more or less anxious. Several hundred delegates who had been contentedly listening to ultra-pacific remarks, were aroused in no small degree by the thinly veiled charge to Justice William Renwick Riddell, King's Court bench, High Court of Justice for Ontario, that the United States had broken the Bush-Bagot treaty prohibiting the armament of cruisers on the Great Lakes. The discord caused by these remarks was increased when Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, declared that the only certain means of obtaining universal peace was to prepare for war. His statement was the more striking in that it followed many arguments, advanced by other speakers, for the disarming of all nations. Andrew Carnegie, who has just given a million dollars for the peace movement, greatly deprecated the situation and was busy with "missionary work" today planning to avoid further ruffling of the dove's feathers.

A government milk supply station maintained under direction of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service may be the result of an inspection of the Nathan Straus pasteurized milk laboratory, here, by Secretary of the treasury, MacVeagh today. Postmaster General Hitchcock issued an order today advancing 216 fourth class postmasters to the presidential class. The order becomes effective January 1, 1911.

Senator La Follette, (rep., Wis.) received further recognition from the White House today when the president submitted to the Senate the name of William A. Dwyer for postmaster at Madison, Wis., the home of the senator. The appointment was made on the recommendation of La Follette.

Election of United States senators by popular vote was approved today by a majority of the subcommittee of the senate committee on judiciary appointed to consider that subject. The members of the committee are Dillingham, Borah, and Rayner. The former was opposed but Borah and Rayner favored the idea. The question will now be submitted to the full committee on judiciary. The judiciary committee is reported to stand 8 to 7 in favor of popular election, with one or two wavering members.

Government employees attached to the executive departments will hereafter have to work an additional half hour each day. At today's cabinet meeting it was practically decided to adopt this plan as another step in the president's economy program. There are several thousand clerks in the government service and the aggregate of the half hour will amount up. The clerks originally went to work at 9, had a half hour off for lunch and quit at 4. During the early part of the Roosevelt administration the quitting time was extended to 4:30. Now, under the plan practically determined upon today clerks will report for duty at 8:30, have half an hour for luncheon and leave at 4:30. It is believed that today's step is a forerunner of a curtailment in the sick leave now allowed by the government. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has reduced the sick leave pay in his department from thirty to ten days, and it is believed several others of the executive departments will shortly follow suit.

Hookworms thrive on a diet of chloride of lime, commonly considered a never-failing disinfectant and germ killer by the average farmer, according to a report of experiments made by government bacteriological experts issued today. In one of the experiments more than a quarter of a pound of lime was placed in a bucket of water containing hookworm eggs. Instead of killing the germs, the disinfectant seemed almost to aid in the process of hatching.

Today was "fly day" at the annual meeting of the American Civic Association at the Willard Hotel. The house fly was given serious consideration by the health experts of the conference. A discussion of the all-important question, "Why is a Fly?" by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, opened the symposium on the evils of the insect. He was followed by Dr. L. O. Howard, who talked about the "Typhoid Fly." The newspaper as an educational factor against the fly, by Leroy Boulenger, of the Minneapolis Tribune, and a series of motion pictures illustrating the habits of the typhoid fly, exhibited by Secretary Richard B. Watrous, of the association, concluded the program. City cleanliness was another subject discussed today, as was the means of cleaning up towns. Others explained the legal means of abolishing the smoke nuisance.

The Senate district committee today ordered a favorable report on the bill for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

As the author of the famous resolution which led the War Department to admit the defenselessness of the United States, Representative James McLaughlin, of California, is the pivot center about which one of the most sensational controversies ever seen in Washington is being conducted today. McLaughlin this afternoon wrote his reply to those who have opposed the publication of the facts contained in the War

Department's answer to his resolution, especially to Mr. Tawney, (rep., Minn.) who is credited with priming President Taft to oppose and prevent the purposes of Secretary of War Dickinson and General Leonard Wood, chief of the army. The answer says the charge of Representative Tawney, that a conspiracy exists to stampede Congress to a larger military appropriations, through making known to the American people the wretched condition of our military establishment is too childish to be taken seriously, yet carries a too dangerous impression to the people to be overlooked.

In reply to the attacks of Mr. Tawney in blaming him for creating a war scare in Washington, Mr. Hobson today issued the following statement in which he says: "There would have been no trouble except that I trusted Mr. Tawney and he violated my confidence without giving me any notice whatever."

## Political Situation in England.

London, Dec. 16.—Whether England is to have any relief from political agitation and consequent business stagnation, depends today on one thing: "The creation of enough liberal peers by King George to give the government a majority of the upper body."

Although the king has given no indication of what he will do in this matter, the consensus of opinion is that he will refuse the demand of Premier Asquith. This will leave the situation at the conclusion of the present election precisely where it was at the dissolution of the last Parliament, for it is now practically certain that the conservatives and coalition parties will have about the same strength in the next Parliament as in the last.

With both the Tories and conservatives anxious to keep up fight, there is no respite in sight. Serious as the situation is to the political futures of some of the present leaders, it is far more serious to business interests and they are voicing their protests in no uncertain manner.

While the coalition majority in the coming Parliament will probably be at least 124, the majority in the last Parliament, undoubtedly 84 or 95 of its votes will be Irish nationalists, who are making the only appreciable gains in the present election. Their loyalty to the liberals is conditional upon the latter's fight for home rule.

Owing to the fact that the liberals will have to depend on the Irish nationalists for a majority in the next Parliament, it is a foregone conclusion that they will pass a home rule measure, and just as certain that the lords will reject it. They will also pass a bill abolishing the veto power of the lords, and this too will be rejected by the lords.

The liberals will try to effect the disestablishment of the church of England in Wales in the forthcoming session of Parliament and will take the initial steps toward the ultimate divorcing of church and state all over Great Britain provided these measures are not side-tracked the moment the clash comes on the more important questions.

London, Dec. 16.—The coalition majority over the conservatives passed the House of Commons today, now being 104, without counting the nine seats won by the independent nationalists. There are only 29 more seats yet to be contested. The net gain of the coalition in the 641 results so far obtained is one. The standing of the parties this afternoon was as follows:

Conservatives 264; liberal-laborites 301; Irish nationalists 67; independent nationalists 9.

## On Fast Round Trip.

New York, Dec. 16.—It was exactly 4:41 this morning when the passenger gangway of the big Cunarder Mauretania was dropped at one dock and the first leg on what is expected to be the fast round trip in the history of the Atlantic was completed. During the night customs officials and friends of the incoming passengers had gathered on the pier and followed the progress of the "Queen of the Seas" by the means of wireless bulletins. As soon as the liner edged into sight at quarantine the health officer's boat and the two big postoffice steamers hatched alongside.

The Mauretania did not stop. The work of passing her by the doctor and the transfer of her 4,324 sacks of Christmas mail continued as she worked slowly up the bay. Four hundred coal passers began stowing away her 6,200 tons of selected fuel as soon as she settled into her berth. Despite the headwinds and seas which she encountered almost all the way across, which prevented her making a speed record as had been planned, she will sail on time at 6 o'clock tomorrow night and will land her mails on the other side not later than Wednesday night.

## Fire in a Factory Building.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 16.—Fanned by a high gale, a spectacular fire threatened with total destruction the four-story brick factory building belonging to Joseph S. Mundy at 26-28 Prospect street this morning. The total loss was from \$55,000 to \$60,000.

The firemen, after a hard battle that necessitated two alarms subdued the flames, but not until several thousand dollars worth of Christmas novelties had been destroyed.

The greatest loss was sustained by A. F. Meisselbach and Brothers, occupants of the top floor, and others.

## Fire Delays Funeral.

North Bergen, N. J., Dec. 16.—The funeral of Belle Thompson, the daughter of William Thompson Jr., which was to have been held today, has been postponed until tomorrow because of a fire in the Thompson home which last night partially destroyed the coffin and reached the body.

The burning coffin was rescued by members of the Excelsior Hose Company. A lamp held near a lace curtain started the blaze.

## Five Men Drowned.

Harwich, Eng., Dec. 16.—Five of the crew of the naval tender Elfin were drowned today in a collision between the tender and a submarine. The Elfin was sunk and the submarine seriously damaged.

## DIED.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1910, at his residence, 1107 Green street, at 2:40 a. m., WILLIAM J. LYNCH, in the 62nd year of his life, died at St. Mary's Catholic Church tomorrow (Saturday) at 9:30 a. m.

## The Badger Game.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—An intercepted note sent by Mrs. James B. Knott to her husband, who is under arrest with her for working the "badger game" at the fashionable Cairo Apartment House, here, was read, in Police court today as follows:

"I will stick to you through the whole thing. If you go to the penitentiary, I want to go too."

The Detroit girl, formerly known here as Louise LaPointe, bore out by her youthful appearance her assertion that she was "under twenty-one years of age." When she was presented with her husband, and Alfred H. Armstrong and Benjamin H. Knott, all charged with complicity in attempting to blackmail Harry Rosenthal, a sporting goods dealer, she appeared resigned to her fate.

"I made a mistake when I left home," she said today. "I've been getting into trouble ever since then and now I am up in court at last. I know everyone will blame me for this, but I only did what I was told to do. My husband was induced by Armstrong to ask me to do it and I consented only when my husband asked me. I don't ask for pity, because I know I was in it and I am going to stick to my husband to the end."

Nine photographs of Rosenthal and the girl, the mercury light which had been suspended in the room, the camera and all the rest of the "badger outfit" was presented in court, to show how the plot to lure Rosenthal into the apartment and then force him to turn over \$5,000 was worked out.

The greatest crowd that ever attended a police court hearing in this city was on hand before the case was called.

The preliminary hearing of the case was postponed today until next Wednesday, at the request of the attorney for the defendants.

Flint, Mich., Dec. 16.—Mrs. James E. Knott, arrested in Washington for complicity in a "badger game" is declared by acquaintances here today to be Mrs. Harvey Mills. Her maiden name was Florence Bennett, and her father was a full-blooded Groat Indian, who was known as "De" Bennett, and who sold cure-alls from a covered wagon in summer, and peddled herbs in winter. He died 14 years ago. His wife, who is now Mrs. George Jensen, still lives here. Mrs. Knott married Mills three years ago, but was later divorced from him.

## SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

## SENATE.

The Senate today passed a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a statue at Arlington, Va., to Gen. Wm. Campbell and his comrades. Gen. Campbell and his force wiped out one wing of the British army at the battle of King's Mountain and hastened the surrender of Cornwallis.

Senator Brewster, started today the fourth day of his filibuster against the French spoliation allowances in the omnibus claims bill. He has no hope of defeating the measure but desires that the matter should be fully explained and understood.

## HOUSE.

An open attack upon Secretary of the Navy Meyer by Mr. Fitzgerald today, opened the consideration in the House of the legislative, executive and judicial bill. General debate was limited to one hour and Fitzgerald occupied to one hour and Fitzgerald occupied to one hour and Fitzgerald occupied to one hour.

The urgency deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$849,000, was reported by the House appropriation committee.

## Tragic Sequel of Wedding.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—As a sequel to an elopement and secret wedding in Wilmington, Del., James Black, 22 years old, early today shot and fatally wounded his best man, Norman Yates, who had been his bosom chum and room mate.

The shooting occurred in a saloon after an all night celebration of the nuptials. Yates is lying in St. Joseph's Hospital with a bullet in his brain, while Black is a prisoner held to await the result of Yates' injuries.

Yates, in an ante-mortem statement, fully exonerated Black of any intentional shooting.

"We were celebrating the wedding and had a lot of drinks," he declared. "We were singing and laughing when Black, in a fun, pulled out the revolver and began toying with it. All at once it went off. I felt pain in the neck and when blood came I knew I was shot. He is not guilty of intentional shooting. It was all an accident."

"The bullet entered Yates' brain, lodged in the base of the brain. Physicians say he has small chance of recovery."

Stunned by the transition from the joy of her wedding day to the events that followed, Mrs. Black, who until yesterday was Miss Charlotte Monroe, is in a critical condition at her parents' home. She, together with Miss Marie Colman, the bridesmaid, were released on their own recognizance at the hearing.

## Hunting Fatalities.

Boston, Dec. 16.—State game wardens and benevolent families counted the cost of life today, of the winter's hunting season in New England, closed last midnight, and found that 18 persons had been killed in hunting accidents. 31 were killed last year and 28 the year before.

Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Buy Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuffs, for they contain cocaine. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat, whereas medicines made with mercury merely dry up the secretions and leave you no better than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a real remedy, not a delusion. All druggists, 50 cents, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.

The department of justice has announced that prosecution of the electric trust, considered by officials the most important suit ever brought under the Sherman law, would be begun before January 1.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The College grind, the study shirker and the impractical man were assailed yesterday by Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, speaking before Professor W. B. Munroe's class on constitutional government at Harvard University, Mass.

The Senate yesterday passed a Senate joint resolution continuing legislation authorizing the appropriation of the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in federal prisons. Ex-Senator Berry, of Arkansas, is the commissioner to locate and mark the graves.

Star Pointer, with the exception of Dan Patch the fastest pacing horse, the science of breeding has yet produced, died yesterday at the home of his owner, W. H. Williams, at Columbia, Tenn., at the age of twenty-one years. Star Pointer made his record of 1:59 1-4 at Readeville, in August, 1897, in which season he won eight out of fifteen starts.

The Court of Appeals having refused a petition for writ of error and the governor having refused to interfere in the case of John J. Smyth, the Norfolk bartender, murderer of his wife and 9-year-old daughter, who was electrocuted this morning. Jim Stillington, colored, who killed an aged white woman in Rockingham county, last August, by beating her to death, was also electrocuted this morning.

Reciprocity with the United States and free trade with Great Britain were the demands which the big farmers' convention agreed to place before the Canadian government. The decision was reached at Ottawa, Ont., yesterday, after a four-hour meeting, from which all but delegates were excluded. There were other resolutions calling for the operation of the Hudson Bay Railroad by the government and government ownership of terminal elevators, but the tariff resolution is regarded as the important result of the conference. It will be presented to the prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, today.

The police of Columbus, Ohio, in their efforts to solve the mysterious death of Miss Florence Baer, aged 19, daughter of a farmer living southwest of Columbus, now have in custody Frank Cleves Welker, aged 30, a teacher in a business college in that city, and a farmhand named Levi Cordray. The girl's frozen body was found in a vacant lot in the western part of Columbus Wednesday. The theory of the police is that she was taken from a physician's office after having died there, and was left in the lot by some one still unknown. Both Welker and Cordray deny any connection with the case. Welker is married, but is estranged from his wife.

## 95 PATIENTS AT CATAWBA.

Catawba, Va., Dec. 16.—According to Dr. W. D. Tewksbury, resident physician at Catawba Sanatorium, 95 patients are now under treatment at the State's Youngest Hospital, and by Christmas, it is predicted that there will not be a vacant bed at the sanatorium, though vacancies will be frequent in the future, as patients are cured and leave the sanatorium.

The officials of the State Health Department express entire satisfaction with the treatment at Catawba and declare that the sanatorium is measuring fully up to the standard of like institutions in other states. They are particularly gratified to observe that even during the extremely cold period of recent weeks almost all of the patients at Catawba showed steady improvement. "If Catawba had done nothing more," said the health commissioner on his last visit here, "it would have justified the expenditure of state funds to convince our people, beyond question, that consumption can be as easily cured in our own state as anywhere in the country."

## The Strike in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Fearing desperate fighting here between the 45,000 striking garment workers, strike breakers and police, union leaders today busily engaged on a plan for peace through the mediation of President Taft, former President Roosevelt or John Mitchell, secretary of the National Civic Federation.

Although action in the matter will be definitely settled until a mass meeting next week at which Samuel Gompers will be present, sentiment is growing among the workers and their leaders that only the entrance of some national figure here will end the war. Col. Roosevelt is generally favored.

## Schooner Ashore.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 16.—The schooner Thomas C. Garland, of Portsmouth, N. H., bound for Boston, early today was driven ashore on Great Point here, and was abandoned by her crew who were taken off in the breeches buoy by the life savers. The vessel probably will be a total loss.

## Civil Service Reform League.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 16.—That all assistant attorneys generals and United States attorneys should be selected by promotion on a competitive basis with a committee of former attorneys general as an examining board, and that policies should never be considered, was the declaration of Assistant Attorney General W. T. Denison, in an address before the National Civil Service Reform League here today.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president-emeritus of Harvard, was this afternoon re-elected president of the league.

## Prefers Electrocuting to Life Imprisonment.

Columbus, O., Dec. 16.—Harry Eravel of Barberton, Ohio, murderer, who could see the electric chair when he arrived at the penitentiary today to serve a life sentence. He said he preferred the electric chair to life in prison and had hoped to be sentenced to death. Fravel killed his wife, attempted to kill his mother-in-law, and shot himself after he was arrested.

Intimation that the Western Union Telegraph Company as a corporation will be proceeded against as the result of the big federal raid in Chicago, on the offices of the Capital Investment Company, called by department of justice officials, the last big bucketshop combine in the country, were given today by the officials engaged in rounding up those members of the concern who have not yet been arrested.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Major General Guerro has tendered his resignation as commander-in-chief of the Cuban army.

The pay roll at the Norfolk and Western shops at Roanoke yesterday amounted to \$114,000, which is \$50,000 less than that of November.

Theodore Anderson, after drifting six days without food on a derelict, recently swam to shore on the west coast of Australia.

Dr. Guy L. Hunter, of Baltimore, was elected vice president of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association at Nashville, Tenn., yesterday.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Judge Van Devanter and James R. Lamar to be associate justices of the Supreme Court.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman yesterday gave \$100,000 to Yale University to endow a chair in the Forest School as a memorial to her husband.

The Brazilian government has sent the sailors who took part in the recent mutinies at Rio de Janeiro, to remote states, where they will be employed in building highways and railroads.

A large masonry monument is to be erected at Point Lookout, Md., by the United States government in memory of 3,384 Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in northern prisons during the civil war and are now buried in that vicinity.

Eight men lost their lives in the mine disaster at Tacoma, Wisc. county, on Wednesday, and two came out alive, having broken an air pipe and escaped the gas.

It is stated that the 1910 reassessment of real estate in Virginia will show an approximate gain over 1900. The present value of real property in Virginia is about \$500,000,000.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, has gone to Atlantic City, where he will spend a few days before going to the Caribbean Sea on a cruise for his health.

Judge Aiken, of the Corporation Court of Danville, yesterday issued rules against fire-saloon keepers of that city ordering them to appear before court Monday to show cause why their license should not be revoked. The saloon men were recently indicted by the grand jury on charge of selling liquor to drunken people.

The governor of Virginia and Mrs. Mann went to Washington yesterday for the dinner given by the president and Mrs. Taft at the White House last evening, in compliment to the cabinet. They were guests of Senator and Mrs. Swanson at their home on Sixteenth street, and will return to Richmond today. They were among the guests last night at the dance given by Mrs. Moran in honor of Miss Helen Taft. Before leaving Washington today Governor and Mrs. Mann visited the new office buildings of the Senate and House, and took luncheon at the Capitol with Senator and Mrs. Swanson.

## FIRE ON A STEAMER.

Fire partly destroyed the steamship Maryland, Captain Sadler, of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad line, last night and 300 passengers had a narrow escape from injury or death.

The Maryland left Norfolk at 6:35 o'clock for Cape Charles. Thirty minutes later, while the steamer was between Duck Bluff light and Sewells Point, a deckhand discovered fire among some bales of cotton in the freight hold.

Mate Foster, who attempted to extinguish the fire single-handed, had to be hauled to safety by means of a rope, which was passed down to him from the upper deck.

Eight United States sailors, passengers on the steamer, took a leading part in fighting the flames, and their heroic efforts probably prevented the destruction of the vessel with the loss of many lives. One sailor named Stone hung over the side of the steamer while several companions held his feet, and with his hands broke a window leading to the freight hold and turned a stream of water on the fire. He held this position for fifteen minutes, while the Maryland was racing with all speed possible for Sewells Point to discharge her passengers. Most of the passengers were at supper when the fire was discovered.

Had the fire been discovered 30 minutes later, when the steamer reached the bay, it is believed there would have been heavy loss of life.

The greatest damage was done amidships, where the fire started, and the walls of some of the staterooms were badly scorched.

A dozen taps responded to the Maryland's distress signals, and in a short time had a dozen streams turned on the blaze. The steamer Pennsylvania was rushed from Norfolk and she took the passengers off the Maryland and proceeded with them to Cape Charles.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16.—Repairs have been started on the steamer Maryland, of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, whose 300 passengers and crew had a narrow escape from death yesterday when a fire broke out in the vessel's hold.

## MAY BUILD ANOTHER ROAD.

A petition signed by property owners of Arlington and Barcroft was presented to the board of supervisors last Saturday asking for permission to lay tracks on Columbia pike for an electric road from the intersection of the W. A. & F. C. Ry. to Barcroft.

The petition was withdrawn temporarily so that a survey could be made showing exactly what portion of Columbia pike the company desired to use in constructing the road. It is the intention of the company to build this road from Arlington to Barcroft, a distance of over a mile to open up that part of the county to home seekers.—[County Monitor.]

## THE YOUNGEST BISHOP.

Rev. Edward Arthur Temple, formerly of Front Royal, Va., and for the last five years rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church in Waco, Tex., was yesterday consecrated bishop of the north Texas missionary diocese, which includes the Panhandle region. The Rev. Mr. Temple is 40 years old, and is the youngest bishop in his church.

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Extra fine	\$35 to \$137.50	Solid Gold Signet Sticks	
WATCHES		Pins	\$1.25 up
Ladies' Gold Filled	\$3.00 up	Solid Gold Tie Clips	\$1.50 up
Ladies' 14s Solid Gold	\$15 up	Solid Gold Cuff Buttons and	
Gents' Gold Filled	\$9.00 up	Solid Gold Brooches	\$1.00 up
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